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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

January 20, 2004

Last July, representatives from the Health Department came before this Board to report on the Department's policy regarding the use of "hauled" water to service new development. The Department was asked to reconsider its policy of denying new development if it can only be served by hauled water. In October the Health Department provided a written report to the Board advising that reconsideration of its policy was not warranted.

Occasionally the County has permitted use of hauled water to serve properties while they are under construction. It has just come to my attention that a number of homes in the Third District are being permanently served by hauled water, even though the use of hauled water was only permitted for the construction period. The water supplier is actually purchasing the water from Waterworks District 29. It is clear that there has been a great deal of miscommunication between the Departments of Health, Public Works, Fire and Regional Planning on this issue. The use of hauled water is not only a public health issue, but one with greater land use and public safety implications as well.

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It is imperative that the County develop a unified policy with regard to use of hauled water. **I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Departments of Health, Public Works, Fire and Regional Planning, as well as the County Counsel, be instructed to report to the Board in thirty days on a joint policy concerning hauled water, including consideration of hauled water's implications for public health, fire safety and orderly development.

I FURTHER MOVE that this report include recommended procedures to ensure consistent enforcement of the joint policy by all involved departments. These procedures should clarify that hauled water may only be used during construction, and should include provisions for enforcement of this policy once construction is complete.

I FURTHER MOVE that these recommendations should exempt existing residences utilizing hauled water from this requirement as is consistent with the Health Department's water availability policy dated January 1, 2003.

I FURTHER MOVE that the report shall make recommendations for any amendments to the Health, Fire, Building or Zoning Code necessary to ensure that all departments are acting in a consistent manner.

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